

6th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

After a very successful Autumn 1 term, we are looking forward to making the most of the remainder of the autumn term as we move towards the excitement of the Christmas period. There are a number of important events and dates taking place over the coming weeks, so please do take note of the information included later in this newsletter.

Since my last letter, it has been wonderful to see our pupils participating in a range of sporting opportunities, including fun runs and football finals. We are incredibly proud of all the children who represented the school and demonstrated such enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship.

Before the half-term break, our pupils were also busy creating their Christmas card designs. The children brought home copies of their artwork before the holidays, and families now have the opportunity to purchase a range of personalised products featuring these designs. As always, it was wonderful to see the creativity and effort that went into each piece of work, and we hope families enjoy celebrating their children's artistic talents.

Recently, we also held our Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was a pleasure to meet so many families and hear about the positive experiences children have had during the start of the academic year. I would like to thank our staff for their careful preparation and professionalism, and our families for taking the time to attend and discuss their child's progress and wellbeing. Strong home-school relationships are vital to a child's success, and these meetings provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen those partnerships. If you were unable to attend and would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will be happy to discuss a suitable time.

I am also delighted to announce the launch of our new school communication platform, **ClassDojo**. Information has recently been shared with families, and children will shortly be bringing home a user agreement along with sign-up instructions. As with any new system, there may be a few teething issues as we get started, and I will do my best to support families wherever possible. However, from previous experience, I know that this will be a highly positive step forward in strengthening communication between home and school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic PTA, the many parents and carers who supported this week's Halloween discos, and the members of staff who

generously gave up their time to help make the event such a success. The discos were full of fun, laughter and community spirit, and we are extremely grateful for everyone's contribution. We hope that the funds raised will help to further enrich the opportunities and experiences we are able to provide for our pupils.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the parents and carers who have recently donated resources and items to support our Early Years provision. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps us to continue creating engaging, exciting and high-quality learning environments for our youngest pupils. The children have already enjoyed many of the resources received, and we are extremely grateful for the continued support of our school community.

As part of our ongoing efforts to maximise learning time and ensure that every minute of the school day is used effectively, we have made some small adjustments to our morning routines. School gates will continue to open at **8:35am**, with our **Wake-Up, Shake-Up** activities beginning at **8:40am**. The official school day will continue to start at **8:45am**. From **8:50am**, children will begin entering school, allowing staff sufficient time to gather important messages and start-of-day information before lessons commence promptly at **9:00am**. We hope these slight changes will support a calm and purposeful start to the day while maximising valuable learning opportunities for all pupils.

A gentle reminder that children should continue to bring a named water bottle to school each day. Staying well hydrated plays an important role in supporting concentration, learning and overall wellbeing, and we encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the school day.

Looking ahead, next week we will be taking a group of Key Stage 2 pupils to participate in the inter-school cross-country event, which is always one of my favourite events of the year. We wish all of our runners the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about their achievements.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another busy and successful half term together.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Larder
Headteacher

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the most important aspect of our work in school. If you ever have any concerns, please contact me via the school office. For more information about safeguarding in our school, visit the safeguarding page on our website: http://appletonwiske.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding.

To help keep all of our children safe, please continue to observe the **no parking areas marked by the yellow lines** outside school and ensure that **all gates are securely closed** after entering or leaving the site. Your cooperation plays an important role in maintaining a safe environment for everyone in our school community. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe at all times.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently 97.58% which is above our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **Penalty notices are being issued for unauthorised absences which reach the local authority limit.** Thank you for helping us to maintain high rates of attendance. Well done to **Class 2** for winning the fortnightly attendance award.

SCHOOLSHOP

School Hoodies

We are pleased to see so many children already wearing their new **red school hoodies** on PE and Forest School days. They look fantastic and help to promote a strong sense of belonging to our school community.
For parents who may not be aware, the red school hoodie is now available through our school uniform shop (School Shop). While purchasing a hoodie is not currently compulsory, our intention is for it to gradually become part of our school uniform over time. Children are encouraged to wear their school hoodies on PE and Forest School days, whilst continuing to wear their usual school jumpers on non-PE days.
Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain the high standards of presentation that we are so proud of at Appleton Wiske Community Primary School.



** the hoodies will be embroidered with our updated school logo*

Happy, Healthy and Productive

School Uniform

We believe our school uniform promotes pride, belonging and a strong sense of community. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children look smart and ready to learn. Please support your child in wearing the correct uniform each day, including appropriate footwear, and ensuring they have PE kit when required. Where possible, all items should be clearly labelled.

Uniform expectations:

- Grey or black skirt/trousers
- White polo shirt
- Red school jumper or cardigan
- Black shoes
- Shorts or dresses may be worn in warmer weather



PE days

Class 1:

- Tuesdays - Forest (gloves and hats needed during the winter months)
- Thursdays - Indoor PE

Class 2:

- Tuesdays
- Thursdays

Class 3:

- Tuesdays
- Wednesdays

COMMUNITY LINKS

Used stamp collection for bone cancer research trust and RNIB.

Please keep sending in your used Stamps.

Thank you.



ABSENCE

Please ensure the school office is notified by 9.00am either by telephone or email if your child is absent from school due to illness.

Thank you.



LUNCH MENU
W/C 9th November 2026



Main Choice **OR** JP

Monday - Chicken Nuggets, Diced Potatoes **OR** Baked Beans JP
Tuesday - Pizza & Chips **OR** Cheese JP
Wednesday - Roast Pork & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Baked Beans JP
Thursday - Pasta Bolognese **OR** Tuna JP
Friday - Fish Fingers & Potato Wedges **OR** Cheese JP

LUNCH MENU
W/C 16th November 2026

Main Choice **OR** JP

Monday - Meatballs in Tomato Sauce **OR** Baked Beans JP
Tuesday - Crispy Salmon Strips **OR** Cheese JP
Wednesday - Toad in the Hole **OR** Tuna JP
Thursday - Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** Baked Beans JP
Friday - Fish Fingers and Chips **OR** Cheese JP



10 November	-	Y3 - 6 Cross Country
11 November	-	Flu Vaccinations
13 November	-	Reception and Year 1 to visit church with Father Simon
19 November	-	Y6 Crucial Crew – Carlton Lodge Activity Centre
4 December	-	Celebration Assembly – 2.35pm
8 December	-	Nativity dress rehearsal for school
9 December	-	Nativity Performance – 1.30pm – 2.30pm
10 December	-	Nativity Performance – 1.30pm – 2.30pm
11 December	-	Nursery Christmas event
16 December	-	Carol Service – 2.30pm
18 December	-	School closes for Christmas
4 January	-	Training Day
5 January	-	School re-opens

APPLETON WISKE
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



BREAKFAST CLUB

8:00am – 8:35am

Start the school day the right way!

Children can enjoy:

- Cereal
- Toast
- Fruit juice
- A calm and friendly start to the morning



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

3:15pm – 6:00pm

A fun, safe and engaging environment for children after school.

Activities may include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Computers & Technology
- Games & Toys
- Outdoor Sports (weather permitting)
- Occasional Cooking Activities



SNACK TIME

Children staying after **4:15pm** will be provided with a snack.



BOOKING INFORMATION

Term Bookings:

Please complete a booking form.

Daily or Weekly Bookings:

Email the school office or call the office.

We look forward to seeing you!